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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

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SUBJECT : Preparations for briefing at Honolulu

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1. In accordance with the discussion between you and [redacted]
[redacted] and myself on Monday evening, 8 September, [redacted]
explored certain CHALICE aspects with [redacted] and with [redacted]
on Tuesday. Thereupon, the aforementioned parties met with the TALENT
Control Officers of the Services Tuesday afternoon.

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2. The upshot of that meeting and discussions to date are summarized
herewith:

a. Proposed discussion and rebriefing of the distinctions
between CHALICE and TALENT in keeping with the decision on
that subject. (ARC-M-82, [redacted])

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Comment: There were no objections to this.

b. Need for CHALICE Control Officers in the various theatre
commands at Honolulu and role of General Balmer in regard thereto.

Comment: It was the consensus that Admiral Felt would
not wish to go through General Kuter, PACAF, or General
Balmer as a channel into this Headquarters to get approval
for CHALICE clearances. It was believed that Admiral Felt
would insist on going to ONI. This and other considerations
prompted the group to agree that channels for securing
approval for CHALICE clearances for the theatre commands
should, except in the case of the Air Force, go through the
TCO's Headquarters and thence to the Project. Notice of

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approval should be returned through the same channel with SO notifying Balmer of those CHALICE-cleared in his area. Meanwhile, his records should be brought up-to-date to include all previous CHALICE clearances in the area. His role, therefore, in this regard on the island would be one of central reference as a service both to Headquarters and the various commands. Under this arrangement, TCOs in the commands would serve also as CHALICE Control Officers. (It was believed by those present that this latter arrangement would give most insurance against confusion between CHALICE and TALENT and would take advantage of procedures already established and thus avoid additional complications in the commands.)

any c. Briefing on TALENT product. It was the consensus that any team visiting the command on the above or related subjects would be well advised to provide a selected group of photographs including recent CHICOM enlargements and key items of interest in the Soviet Maritime such as selections from [redacted] 25X1 It was noted that Admiral Felt had never been briefed at HTAUTOMAT while he was here though this had been attempted on about six different occasions. The reason for the foregoing view is that fuller cooperation was anticipated if those briefed had some real appreciation of the quality and value of the product.

In addition, a review of procedures and accomplishments to that date bearing upon tactical coverage communications arrangements and sanitization of raw material would be helpful.

25X1 d. Project support. It was the view of [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] that your proposal of the role of Balmer as the analogue of Griffin at USAFE would be a decidedly helpful addition.

3. It is clear from our discussion that any effort at clarifying the TALENT/CHALICE distinctions at Honolulu among the commands is considered by the Service principals on the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee as being of interest to them. They have not expressed their view yet finally as to whether their representative should be available

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in such discussions where their Service is concerned though I anticipate their view will be in the affirmative. Whereas at first thought I was a bit dismayed at this prospect, I have since come to the following view: That if we go to Honolulu we should have as our objective establishing a condition in those commands which will not only result in clarity on security matters but should strengthen the general support of CHALICE and should strengthen rather than confuse theatre commands' relations with their Headquarters and the latter with us.

4. [] is checking with Balmer to ascertain the earliest date at which the principals involved in Honolulu will be on hand, now estimated at 20-25 September (Admiral Felt being out of the Islands until that time). Meanwhile, except as you direct otherwise, we will attempt to explore further and firm up what might be usefully done at Honolulu.

JAMES Q. REBER

Chairman

Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

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P.S. Since writing the above, the Army has informed me that they see no need for any USARPAC having a CHALICE clearance, and, furthermore, they would not wish to send a representative for the purpose of the TALENT aspects as outlined above.

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